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1. MISSION HAS OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE A COPY OF DRAFT
REGULATION ON FISHING ACTIVITY IN FRENCH GUIANA FISHERY,
AS APPROVED BY COREPER JUNE 24. THIS DRAFT IS TO BE
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SUBMITTED TO THE JUNE 27 FISHERY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

2. IN ESSENCE, THE NEW DRAFT REGULATION MODIFIES THE
EXISTING REGULATION ON FISHING OFF FRENCH GUIANA,
APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL MAY 16 (REFTEL B), ON THE
FOLLOWING FOUR POINTS:

A. ARTICLE 1, PARAGRAPH 1, HAS BEEN AMENDED TO INCLUDE VENEZUELA;

B. THE JUNE 30 EXPIRATION DATE IN ARTICLE 1, PARAGRAPH 3 HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1977;

C. ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 3, HAS BEEN AMENDED TO READ "FISHING FOR SHRIMPS AND TUNA";

D. THE ANNEX LISTING MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LICENSES WHICH MAY BE ISSUED HAS BEEN REPLACED BY A NEW ANNEX LISTING DIFFERENT NATIONAL TOTALS (OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 BELOW).

3. SHRIMP FISHING:

UNDER THE NEW DRAFT REGULATION, U.S. FLAG VESSELS WOULD BE PERMITTED A TOTAL OF 120 LICENSES (UP FROM 65 UNDER THE EXISTING REGULATION), WITH 85 VESSELS PERMITTED TO FISH SIMULTANEOUSLY; KOREAN FLAG VESSELS WOULD BE PERMITTED A TOTAL OF 21 LICENSES (UP FROM 12), WITH 16 VESSELS PERMITTED TO FISH SIMULTANEOUSLY; JAPANESE FLAG VESSELS WOULD BE PERMITTED A TOTAL OF 28 LICENSES (UP FROM 16), WITH 21 VESSELS PERMITTED TO FISH SIMULTANEOUSLY; AND SURINAMESE FLAG VESSELS WOULD BE PERMITTED A TOTAL OF 13 LICENSES (UP FROM 5) WITH 10 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VESSELS PERMITTED TO FISH SIMULTANEOUSLY. IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO APPLY PRESSURE ON BRAZIL TO ENGAGE IN TALKS WITH THE EC ON COORDINATING CONSERVATION MEASURES WITHIN THE BRAZIL-GUIANAS SHRIMP FISHING AREA (PARAGRAPH 5, REFTEL C), THE PROPOSED REGULATION DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR LICENSES FOR BRAZILIAN FLAG VESSELS, WHILE THE MAY 16 REGULATION PROVIDES FOR 18 SUCH LICENSES.

4. TUNA FISHING:

THE PROPOSED REGULATION WOULD LIMIT LICENSES FOR TUNA FISHING IN THE FRENCH GUIANA FISHERY TO 5 FOR JAPANESE FLAG VESSELS AND 15 FOR VENEZUELAN FLAG VESSELS.

5. CONTRARY TO INFORMATION CONVEYED PARAGRAPH 1, REFTEL A, THE NEW REGULATION DOES NOT APPEAR TO MODIFY THE TERMS OF LICENSES ISSUED TO U.S. VESSELS, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE FOR FISHING IN EC WATERS AT THE SAME MONTHLY RATE AS IN 1975 THROUGH THE END OF 1977 (PARAGRAPH 1, REFTEL B). FISHING FOR OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES WILL BE AUTHORIZED ONLY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1977.

6. THE PROPOSED REGULATION DOES NOT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH
THE ISSUE OF LINKING FISHING ACTIVITY WITH CATCH
LANDINGS. COREPER APPROVED INSTEAD A DRAFT COMMUNICATION
FROM THE COMMUNITY TO THIRD COUNTRIES, NOTIFYING THEM
THAT A "SUFFICIENT PORTION" OF THE CATCH TAKEN IN THE
FRENCH GUIANA 200-MILE ZONE SHOULD BE LANDED IN FRENCH
GUIANA, PERMITTING THE PROCESSING INDUSTRY THERE TO
MAINTAIN ITS ACTIVITIES. FRENCH TEXT OF THIS DRAFT
COMMUNICATION FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: LA COMMUNAUTE, EN
ADOPTANT LE REGLEMENT DONT LE TEXTE FIGURE EN ANNEXE,
A ESTIME SOUHAITABLE DE VOUS SIGNALER QU'IL CONVIENT
QU'UNE PARTIE SUFFISANTE DES CAPTURES PRISES DANS LA
ZONE DE 200 MILLES DEVANT LES COTES DE LA GUYANE
FRANCAISE PAR LES PAYS TIERS SOIT DEBARQUEE EN GUYANE
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